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- ☐ original ☐ design ☐ supplemental  
☒ national stage of PCT  
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My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AUTHENTICATING  
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the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).  
☐ was filed by Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. not known yet, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).  
☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No PCT/IB96/00859 filed on August 27, 1996, and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION	DATE OF FILING (day,month,year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119			
European Patent Office	95113489.9	28 August 1995	X	YES		NO
Israel	117234	22 February 1996	X	YES		NO
				YES		NO

I hereby claim the benefit pursuant to Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of the following United States provisional application(s):

PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS CLAIMING THE BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 119(e)	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)  
CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) & 1.27(b) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled:

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described in:

- ☒ The specification filed herewith.  
☐ Application Serial No. , filed  
☐ Patent No. , issued

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